

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

DECEMBER 21, 1999

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF U.S. LEC OF)	DOCKET NO. 99-00567
TENNESSEE, INC. TO ENFORCE)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS)	
)	

ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 23, 1999, for appointment of a Hearing Officer in the matter of U.S. LEC of Tennessee, Inc.'s Petition To Enforce Interconnection Agreements / Complaint against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

At the above-referenced Authority Conference, the Directors unanimously appointed the General Counsel or his designee to act as Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, as necessary, and to render an initial decision on the merits of the Petition, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other legal authority as may be provided by law.

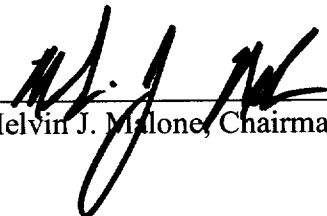
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

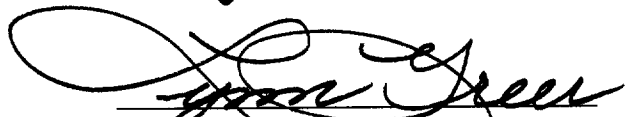
1. The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, as necessary, and to render an

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initial decision on the merits of the Petition, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 and 65-2-111 and such other legal authority as may be provided by law; and

2. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.


Melvin J. Malone, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

